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ANGLO-AMERICAN TALKS: MARCH, 1959

Agreement in Principle

The President of the United States and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, accompanied by the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and advisers, met at Camp David, Maryland, from March 20 to March 22.

In the course of their discussions, they agreed that further studies of certain subjects should be made in accordance with the procedures set out below.

GENERAL

1. Agreement on the Western position to be put forward in the forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Government will be sought by the procedures set out in Annex 1. Throughout these procedures all practicable steps will be taken to coordinate the views of the United States and United Kingdom Governments.
2. Planning to meet the various contingencies which might arise in the event of a breakdown of the forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Government or unilateral action by the Soviet Government in Germany will be carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in Annex 2.
3. The Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom each will study the possibility of establishing a zone, in an agreed area in Europe, in which there would be limitation of forces and weapons subject to an effective system of inspection.

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and the conditions and circumstances in which such a zone might be proposed.

4. Against the possibility that the forthcoming negotiations with the Soviet Government might break down and be followed by unilateral Soviet action in Germany the two Governments will each study what counter action, short of military operations, could effectively be taken in any part of the world to bring pressure to bear on the Soviet Union.

NUCLEAR TESTS

5. United States experts will make available to British scientists their latest date and conclusions on the practicability of establishing effective control over nuclear tests underground or in outer space. Thereafter, British scientists will visit Washington as soon as possible to reach an agreed Anglo-American assessment of the position.

6. Discussions will be held as soon as possible through the diplomatic channel to agree on the line to be taken by the two Governments when the Nuclear Tests Conference resumes at Geneva on 13th April.

MIDDLE EAST

7. The two Governments will arrange for joint planning by their appropriate agencies to meet various contingencies which may arise in Iraq, Kuwait and Iran.

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